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SUBJECT: BAHRAIN AS "IRAN'S FOURTEENTH PROVINCE"

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1. (C) Summary: After an Iranian official spoke of supposed Iranian claims to Bahrain, Egypt's President visited Manama in a demonstration c
  2. (U) Bahrain and other Arab governments pounced on media reports that an Iranian official described Bahrain as "Iran's fourteenth province.
  3. (U) Bahrain's MFA told media that foreign minister Khalid bin Ahmad Al Khalifah summoned Iranian Ambassador Hossein Amir-Abdollahian to prc
  4. (SBU) Egypt's president Mubarak visited Bahrain for a few hours February 16 and publicly denounced "outside interference." MFA contacts t
  5. (C) The gaffe attributed to Nateq-Nuri provided Bahrain and other moderate Arab governments with an opportunity to put the Iranians on the
  6. (C) In private, Bahrain's leaders do not seem very concerned about the prospect of annexation to Iran. For example, during a meeting Febr
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